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ENGLISH QUITE ENOUGH.

President Wilson of Stanford university has appealed to California's public school authorities to restore the teaching of German, on the grounds that its discontinuance was a "war measure" and its absence inconveniences scientific work at Stanford by sending up students without this knowledge.

Admitting the inconvenience to Stanford, it hardly seems one from which relief should be provided out of common school funds. We note the state university at Berkeley is not complaining, but has established special intensive classes in which students get in about six months all the German they need for reading German scientific literature.

The traditional arguments for teaching foreign languages in our common schools are either that they are "cultural" or "useful." The validity of both may be seriously questioned, with respect to the vast majority of pupils. We know

THEY HAVE HAD THEIR USES.

Representative McArthur of Oregon comes forward with the latest of many proposals to change the date of the inauguration of the president of the United States. Most of the agitation for such change has had inspiration in the social inconvenience of March 4, when Washington usually produces weather that most disagreeably interferes with the two public features of the function, for the masses outside the capitol and for the classes at the inaugural ball.

Mr. McArthur, however, bases his proposal rather on political grounds. He desires to eliminate the "short session" of congress, with the power in legislation it continues to members defeated for re-election. Therefore he offers a constitutional amendment, under which the terms of senators and representatives would begin on the first Monday in December after their election, and the president's term on the second Monday, and in case of no choice by the presidential electors, the house members would vote as individuals instead of by state groups.

Except for the last provision there seems no need of amending the constitution to change the inauguration date. That is not fixed by the constitution but by act of congress. March 4 just happened to be the earliest day before which the first congress could complete formal declaration of result of the

in fact, that the emphasis put on German in the past was largely liberate propaganda.

From the local interest viewpoint, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese and Russian would evidently be far more "useful" than German to that majority of our school boys who sail so into business. But in fact, the use of common school funds to teach any foreign language is hard to justify. Let our common schools efficiently teach English. That is quite enough.

Least a personal prejudice be suspected in this conclusion. It may be mentioned, though the fact is of no public interest, that the foreign language of which the present writer has acquired some mastery is German. He regards the time given to it as wasted from the "utility" viewpoint, and that the "cultural" value was obtained by an actual, though unconscious, fraud upon the public treasury.

election and so permit President Washington to take the oath of office.

Not is there any constitutional requirement that congress shall meet on the first Monday in December. Congress merely is required to assemble at least once in every year, and on that day if it has not by law appointed some other time to meet on some other day. No less than 15 acts to that effect were passed.

Theoretically there are objections to letting a party whose policies and leaders have been rejected by the people go on legislating. That, however, does not happen every two years or even every four. And the short sessions have had their uses. They have produced some of our most useful legislation, such as the act for the resumption of specie payments after the Civil war. Members who had feared to vote for it before election found courage to do so afterward.

In fact, the advocates of change may well be challenged to show from the record "short session" legislation so obvious that the party coming into power on March 4 immediately repealed it. And if a mere change for social reasons of inauguration day be desired, there seems no reason for going to the trouble to change the constitution.

ording to present plans.

The Amargosa desert is not the only portion of southern Nevada that may bloom. The hot Smoky valley, north of Tonopah, may in the near future bring to the big silver camp a new population of farmers. The incidence of underground water in this valley has been demonstrated, and it is only a question of a short time when it will be developed according to Mr. Kirkpatrick. The survey work will go forward in southern Nevada all winter.

26 AIRPLANES IN PANAMA FLIGHT

(By Associated Press)
 SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Twenty six big navy airplanes will start their way out from San Diego harbor, bound for Panama, 3000 miles away early on December 28. In what veteran aviators say will be one of the longest and most hazardous peace-time flights in the history of aviation, according to plans announced here recently.

About 50 flying hours are expected to be needed to reach the goal at Balboa, located in the canal zone. The machines are scheduled to arrive at Balboa January 13 and to start on their return flight February 26.

Storms probably will be encountered by the airmen along the Mexican and Central American coast, as this is the stormy season on the route. One dangerous place is the Gulf of Tehuantepec, where high and dangerous winds blow almost continuously. Air service officials are taking every precaution to cope with any condition that may arise as a result of storms, high winds and fogs.

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TO PUT in the paper

AND WHILE he was writing it

LOUIS LAMBERTUCCI came in

AND LOUIS had been a key

ON a long trip

SOMEWHERE OR other

AND PROCEEDED to tell me

ABOUT the wonderful things

THAT HE had seen

AND THEN Louis said

"I SAW some fine legs"

AND I gasped

AND NOTICED that

FATHER NOONAN turned pale

BUT I didn't say anything

AND LOUIS continued

WITH THE remark

THAT THEY were big legs

AND I tried to motion him

TO SHUT UP

BUT HE wouldn't do it

AND THEN I turned red

AND DON'T know

WHAT FATHER Noonan

WAS THINKING about

AND I was scared

TO LOOK at him

THEN DIRECTLY

LOUIS MENTIONED the fact

THAT THE legs

WERE FILLED with water

AND YOU could hire boats

AND GO ROWING

AND SUDDENLY

I HAD an inspiration

AND SAID to him:

"YOU MEAN lakes, don't you?"

AND HE said

"YES, DAT'S what I said"

AND I felt relieved

AND LOOKED at

FATHER NOONAN

AND HE looked relieved, too

AND I'M sure

WE BOTH felt relieved

FOR IT sure was warm

DURING THOSE few minutes

—C. L. B.

AVIATION OFFICER LANDS ON COAST

(By Associated Press)
 (HLO, Island of Hawaii, Dec. 6. By Mail. Three naval aviation officers narrowly escaped death recently when, after landing their plane on the ocean surface near a rocky portion of the Hawaiian coast, they were forced to cling to a narrow ledge until rescued by civilians ashore who had seen their plight.

The officers, Lieutenants Donald C. Duke, G. H. Gale and Ivan G. Moorman, were hauled up the 100-foot cliff with ropes after endeavoring for some time to save their machine. The plane was forced to descend because of lack of gasoline. Attempts to save the plane intact failed.

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